

SSB 5104 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Appropriations

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the six colleges
4 that developed proposals for the applied baccalaureate degree pilot
5 programs exhibited exemplary work preparing proposals. The proposals
6 were consistent with the legislature's vision for expanding bachelor's
7 degree access and with the principals and criteria developed by the
8 college board. The legislature recognizes that the authorization for
9 the pilots was limited in number and therefore not all the proposals
10 were able to be approved. The legislature values the work that has
11 been done and intends to provide authority for additional pilots so as
12 not to lose the good work that has been done.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.50.810 and 2005 c 258 s 6 are each amended to read
14 as follows:

15 (1) By April 2006, the college board shall select four community or
16 technical colleges to develop and offer programs of study leading to an
17 applied baccalaureate degree. At least one of the four pilot programs
18 chosen must lead to a baccalaureate of applied science degree which
19 builds on an associate of applied science degree. The college board
20 shall convene a task force that includes representatives of both the
21 community and technical colleges to develop objective selection
22 criteria.

23 (2) By February 2008, the college board shall select up to three
24 colleges to develop and offer programs of study leading to an applied
25 baccalaureate degree. At least one of the colleges selected must be a
26 technical college. The college board shall use the objective selection
27 criteria developed under subsections (1) and (3) of this section to
28 make the selection.

1 (3) Colleges may submit an application to become a pilot college
2 under this section. The college board shall review the applications
3 and select the pilot colleges using objective criteria, including:

4 (a) The college demonstrates the capacity to make a long-term
5 commitment of resources to build and sustain a high quality program;

6 (b) The college has or can readily engage faculty appropriately
7 qualified to develop and deliver a high quality curriculum at the
8 baccalaureate level;

9 (c) The college can demonstrate demand for the proposed program
10 from a sufficient number of students within its service area to make
11 the program cost-effective and feasible to operate;

12 (d) The college can demonstrate that employers demand the level of
13 technical training proposed within the program, making it cost-
14 effective for students to seek the degree; and

15 (e) The proposed program fills a gap in options available for
16 students because it is not offered by a public four-year institution of
17 higher education in the college's geographic area.

18 (~~(3)~~) (4) A college selected as a pilot college under this
19 section may develop the curriculum for and design and deliver courses
20 leading to an applied baccalaureate degree. However, degree programs
21 developed under this section are subject to approval by the college
22 board under RCW 28B.50.090 and by the higher education coordinating
23 board under RCW 28B.76.230 before a pilot college may enroll students
24 in upper division courses. A pilot college approved under subsection
25 (1) of this section may not enroll students in upper division courses
26 before the fall academic quarter of 2006. A pilot college approved
27 under subsection (2) of this section may not enroll students in upper
28 division courses before the fall academic quarter of 2009.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
30 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
31 June 30, 2008, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
32 void."

33 Correct the title.

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